GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:957
ANSWERED ON:06.03.2007
USE OF FOREIGN FUNDS BY POLITICAL PARTIES IN ELECTION
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of candidates and political parties have spent foreign funds in the recent Assembly elections;

(b) if so, the details and action taken against such candidates and political parties; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to stop such cases in future?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

(a)to(c) : Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 957 FOR ANSWER ON 6TH MARCH, 2007 BY SHRI NIKHIL KUMAR REGARDING USE OF FOREIGN FUNDS BY POLITICAL PARTIES IN ELECTION.

(a) to (c): Under the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 1976, various NGOs in India are permitted to receive foreign contribution from foreign sources for bona fide activities in cultural, economic, educational, social or religious fields. Registration or prior permission to receive foreign funds under the Act is granted after due verification of activities and antecedents of office bearers of NGOs. Foreign funds are received through legal banking channels and are open to scrutiny and inspection. It is further stated that the political parties are not permitted to receive foreign contribution under the said Act.